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Idaho Winter Wheat Production Up 7 Percent from Last Year

Idaho's 2011 winter wheat production is forecast at 62.4 million bushels, 7 percent higher than last year, and 10 percent above the 2009 crop, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 79.0 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 790,000 acres, an increase of 80,000 acres from 2010.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 280,000 tons, down 64 percent from the May 1, 2010 total of 775,000 tons, and down 38 percent from 2009.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.42 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2010. Based on May 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, down 2.3 bushels from the previous year. Expected grain area totals 32.0 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. As of May 1, thirty-four percent of the United States winter wheat crop was rated in good to excellent condition, 34 points below the same week in 2010, and heading had reached 33 percent in the 18 major producing States, 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

Hard Red Winter, at 762 million bushels, is down 25 percent from 2010. Soft Red Winter, at 427 million bushels, is up 80 percent from last year. White Winter is up 3 percent from last year and now totals 235 million bushels. Of this total, 11.7 million bushels are Hard White and 224 million bushels are Soft White.

All hay stored on farms May 1, 2011 totaled 22.2 million tons, up 6 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2010-May 1, 2011 totaled 79.9 million tons, compared with 86.3 million tons for the same period a year ago.

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